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JACKSON (Special) — The 2010 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando convened as this issue of The Baptist Record was going to press.
Complete coverage of the annual meeting will be contained in the June 24 issue.

Baptists descend on World Cup event

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (BP and local reports) — What's been called the world's greatest sporting event, the FIFA World Cup, kicked off in South Africa's largest city on June 11, and Southern Baptists are there to follow all the action.

The first World Cup soccer tournament on the African continent is expected to draw a cumulative global television audience of 26 billion-plus viewers during the month-long tournament, encompassing 64 games in 10 stadiums throughout the country.

Like the Olympics, the World Cup is contested only every four years. In much of the world, soccer is known as football but shares few similarities with the American game of the same name.

Johannesburg's Soccer City stadium, which will serve as the anchor stadium among the many facilities that are being used in the early rounds, is built to resemble the traditional African pot called the calabash. "All the stadiums are in a state of complete readiness," said Danny Jordaan, CEO of the World Cup's local organizing committee, "and most pleasing is the pristine condition of the playing surfaces, fitting for the world's superstars who will soon be gracing them."

Team USA hit the ground May 31, with captain Carlos Bocanegra commenting, "For the players it's been a long time thinking all the way through qualifying, and now it's finally here. We're in South Africa."

Team USA's first match against soccer powerhouse England on June 12 ended in a 1-1 draw. Team USA will play against Slovenia on June 18 and Algeria on June 23.

"It's going to be a great World Cup," U.S. head coach Bob Bradley said. FIFA reports that American fans have purchased more tickets to date than any other country — between 130,000 and 160,000 tickets, and more than twice the sales to English and German fans combined.

More than hardcore soccer fans, however, are gearing up for the World Cup. Those involved in Christian ministry plan to take advantage of an event that happens only every four years somewhere in the world.

"The world is coming to South Africa," said International Mission Board (IMB) missionary Wade Coker, a mission strategy leader in southern Africa. "There is such a passion for the sport that, whenever the World Cup takes place every four years, there is a lot of focus on it. It's on the world stage. We want to tap into the passion they have for that with the passion we have for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Plans are to share the Gospel with hundreds of thousands of fans who will be attending the games, some from countries that have no missionary presence. Efforts will be made to use the event as an avenue to evangelize and plant churches in some of South Africa's major urban centers.

"One of the joys for us here is that people will see South Africa and want to pray for it," said IMB missionary Kurt Holiday, a strategy leader for the urban areas of South Africa and Namibia. "There will be a hunger because of what they see and they will want to come and experience it."



CHURCH PLANTING PLANNING — International Mission Board missionaries Brad Siedschlag (left) and Kurt Holiday enjoy a brief break while working with school kids at a Soweto soccer camp during the fervor surrounding the World Cup currently being contested in Johannesburg, South Africa. Holiday, an urban strategist, plans to have a church planted in the neighborhood sometime during the month-long World Cup tournament. (BP/IMB photo)

Volunteer teams and prayer support are essential for ministry, Holiday said. "We will have the ability to use soccer to get into areas where it is normally not easy to get into, to be welcomed and have a platform," he said.

Meanwhile, 20 Baptist journalists will spread across South Africa to report on the ministries and matches of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The group of writers, photographers, and videographers, most of whom serve with the International Mission Board, will split into several teams to cover stories in host cities Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth, and Rustenburg, as well as smaller towns.

The media teams will focus on missionaries and volunteer teams holding sports clinics, kids clubs, street evangelism, and other ministries to share the Gospel with local and international soccer fans throughout South Africa.

The journalists also will cover Christian athletes competing in the World Cup. The majority of these believers are from the United States, Brazil, and the Ivory Coast teams that qualified for the World Cup by winning preliminary competitions.

A focal point of the journalism teams' coverage is a daily 90-second video podcast featuring ministry and tournament highlights along with cultural tidbits from South Africa. In addition, they will produce several multimedia packages each week, consisting of text stories, video features, photo galleries, and audio clips.

From these coverages, producers in the newsroom in Johannesburg will select a photo of the day, quote of the day, video clip of the day, and prayer request of the day. The reporting teams also will provide game reports and ongoing updates of Christian athletes and coaches.

Content will be available on BP News (www.bpnews.net), BP Sports (www.bpsports.net) and BP en Español (www.bpnews.net/espanol), as well as Christian websites www.worldsoccerjourneys.com and www.mreport.org.

"It'll be a lot of work," said Steve Evans, director of the IMB communication team for Africa, "but I think it's worth it. The World Cup is a platform to pinpoint what God is doing in the cities of South Africa, and what still needs to be done."

Around 60% of South Africans are urban dwellers. Although many have heard the Gospel, it has not necessarily penetrated their hearts and transformed their lives. Christians in South Africa plan to take advantage of the World Cup fervor to share Christ with those who don't know Him.

"My goal is to not just tell the stories," video producer Martha Richards said, "but to tell them in such a way that it challenges people to get personally involved one way or another, so that when they've viewed our materials, they won't just say, 'Oh that's cool,' and walk away, but that it will really touch them in some way and challenge them toward some kind of action."

Baptist Press executive editor Will Hall said BP wants to provide stories specifically geared toward its Hispanic constituents. "We have loyal readers of BP En Español and I trust this coverage will be a blessing to them. It also is an effort to reach out to the growing Hispanic membership in the SBC," Hall said.

For content in Spanish, visit BP en Español and www.historiasdelmundial.com. For Portuguese content, visit www.jornadadefutebolmundial.com. For prayer resources and daily news about World Cup events go to www.WorldSoccerJourneys.org.

China critic: persecution too often ignored

Editor's note: June 4 marked the 21st anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre. Bob Fu was one of the leaders of the pro-democracy movement that was crushed that day in Beijing, China. He became a Christian, escaped to the United States, and started an organization that serves the unregistered church in his homeland.

WASHINGTON (BP) — Persecution of Christians in China is still a widespread problem and an ignored topic in the secular media, said Bob Fu, president of ChinaAid, in an interview with Baptist Press.

Fu knows about persecution firsthand. He suffered for his faith in his homeland before he and his wife Heidi fled to the United States in 1997. A leader of the student democracy movement that was squelched by the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989, he became a Christian the same year.

In 1996, secret police discovered the Bible school he and Heidi founded and imprisoned both of them. After their release and further persecution, they escaped through Hong Kong. Fu started ChinaAid (www.chinaaid.org) in 2002 to bring international attention to China's repression of unregistered churches and their members.

Fu recently talked with Baptist Press. Following are excerpts from that question-and-answer session:

BP: ChinaAid reports frequently on instances of government persecution directed at individual Christians, leaders, and churches in the unregistered church movement. Please explain the scope of persecution in China. Is the persecution truly widespread or a matter of isolated instances, considering the massive number of Christians now in China?

FU: Demographically, according to our investigation and the information that we can gather, it is still pretty widespread. Last year there were over 20 provinces of persecution. Of course, these are known cases, but we think this is the tip of the iceberg because we have many surprises when we interview prisoners from labor camps. There are some differences because we depend on the local government's attitude and how strictly they enforce government regulations.

This year, from January to March, there are numerous reports of harassment in prayer meetings, Sunday Schools, and some have been arrested and detained. In other provinces, especially the east coast, they

can't even hold big gatherings because the local government will not tolerate it because of the social and economic environment over there.

BP: If I were an individual Chinese Christian in an unregistered church, how concerned would I be about government persecution?

FU: Unless you are a non-active Christian, you should have every concern. Being an active Christian means that you are actively engaging in sharing the Good News with others, and that is one potential threat that you will face.

If you are found sharing the Gospel with other people, actively distributing Bibles to others, or holding unauthorized Bible studies — especially young people under 18 years old — or have active fellowships with foreigners, these are all threats that you will face.

BP: Despite reports of persecution throughout China, there has been increased growth in the unofficial church, reporting over 130 million Christians. Why has this occurred?

FU: It seems that from God's perspective, He has a unique formula to revive His church in China. We see that the more persecution there is, the more revival there will

be, and God uniquely uses persecution to purify the church.

The Bible says that if anyone wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus, they will be persecuted. Once you become salt and light, then the darkness will not like you. So persecution in that sense is inevitable. No persecution is a strange thing, so we remain hopeful. Yes, there is persecution and there [are] regulation and attacks. Yet it seems the Lord has used that.

I remain hopeful for the younger generation of Chinese Christians that they are rising up to the task to defend and spread the Gospel more rigorously and defend their rights according to the law.

BP: Have you seen any actions taken by the Obama administration to address religious liberty in China?

FU: So far, not much. The only highest rank official in the State Department for monitoring international religious freedom is the Office [of] International Religious Freedom. According to Congress, the International Religious Freedom Act passed [in 1998] is supposed to [provide for] a U.S. ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom to be appointed by the president, and Mr. Obama still does not have a candidate yet, so the office is working without a boss.



BLOODY SITE — Tiananmen Square appeared peaceful today and prior to the start of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing when this photo was taken, but in the 1989 Tiananmen Massacre an estimated 3,000 protesters were killed there by Chinese troops. (BP photo by Dave Bartruff/Genesis Photos)

So, I don't think this is on the administration's agenda at all.

BP: Despite awareness through press releases, annual reports, and media campaigns, is there still a sense of ignorance among the American people of the challenges of religious freedom in China?

FU: Yes, unfortunately. Of course the media, especially the secular media, are pretty selective in their reporting. This is an ignored topic. The censorship in China makes it very hard to get information out, but I am optimistic. There is more and more awareness in this country about China.

BP: Young and old alike have been persecuted for their Christian beliefs in China. How have you and your wife educated your children on the injustice done to, and the lessons learned from, those persecuted for their faith?

FU: We have three children. One was born in exile, and we named him Daniel. He came to the United States as a refugee when he was four months old. The other two, our two daughters, were born in the U.S. We try

to tell them stories. We tell them not to take freedom for granted, and we tell them to pray for those who are persecuted.

They need to know that they are a privileged minority on this earth who can enjoy this freedom. There are so many who are suffering. There are so many of their brothers and sisters, even little children, who do not have the right to own or even read the Bible or to be baptized. We share with them so that they can cherish the freedom they have here and to be more bold to share the Gospel with others.

BP: Does ChinaAid have any new plans to increase awareness in the months to come, and, if so, what are they?

FU: This is the age of Internet. We are very glad we had several very successful Internet-based campaigns for several key prisoners and house church pastors. Last year we launched the FreeGao.com campaign for the return of Gao Zhisheng, a Chinese human rights lawyer. We collected over 130,000 signatures. These are real names and e-mails from over 130 nations. So we are very encouraged that people are more engaged.

Looking back

10 years ago

A federal trial centered on the disappearance of the nation's most outspoken atheist, Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her family, ends June 2 with the conviction of O'Hair's self-described bodyguard on four charges of extorting money from the family in 1995.

20 years ago

The Mississippi-Illinois Baptist partnership begins this summer, with two Illinois groups coming to Mississippi and 15 Mississippi groups traveling to Illinois, according to Paul Harrell, Mississippi Baptists' Brotherhood director and coordinator of the partnership.

50 years ago

Mississippi Baptist Hospital awards a contract for the construction of 42 additional patient beds in Simmons Addition to Robert C. Crouch and Company of Memphis. The cost will be \$482,200.



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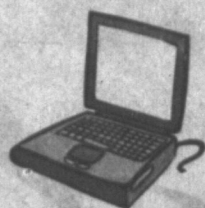
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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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The power of fatherhood

His father was a drunk, a mean drunk. When the young boy thought he was old enough and big enough to save his mother, he stepped between his parents during one of his father's alcoholic rages. As is often the case, he wasn't old enough or big enough and his father beat him into a coma. Many more beatings would follow.

The father eventually died from his excesses, but not before his son learned to internalize his own rage and blot out any feelings he had for anyone. He failed at school and virtually everything he tried to do for a living, until he came upon the ideal path to power, prestige, and vindication for his early life of helplessness and humiliation before his father. "Close your eyes to pity! Act brutally!" he exhorted his followers, and they obeyed.

History records his name as Adolf Hitler.

Another little boy, not so far away, learned to dread the unsteady sound of his father's boots on the steps of their ramshackle home because he knew his father had been doing what he did nearly every evening — searching out and consuming all the alcohol he could beg, borrow, or steal. He knew his father meant to beat everyone in the family, and there was nowhere to hide in the tiny shack.

With every beating, he became more sullen. His father once beat him so severely that he urinated blood for weeks. He learned not to care for anyone, and to consider such feelings as weakness. He studied to become a priest, but his childhood had made him cynical and bitter. He even discarded his family surname in favor of a word that means "man of steel" in his native language.

History records the adopted name as Joseph Stalin.

Is it coincidence that the two greatest monsters of the twentieth century, responsible for the deaths of tens of millions of innocent people, have poor fathers in common? Hardly.

In a twisted way, Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin are poster children for the indisputable importance of fathers in the lives of their

"BUT DAD, YOU SAID IN YOUR SERMON HOW JESUS TOOK HIS FRIENDS FISHING. WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE JESUS?"



children. Obviously, most children with violent fathers don't grow up to slaughter tens of millions of innocent people, but we know from experience that it only takes one or two such people to set an entire generation aflame.

It would be much easier to write a sentimental column on the occasion of Fathers Day, recalling and commending the fathers of yesteryear who served their families and sacrificed for them in ways modern generations of detached, materialistic Americans can hardly believe. Once there were uncountable numbers of such men, but now the ranks are thin. It would be much easier to write about them, but that is not the state of fatherhood today.

Today there are too many fathers who are too absent, too distant, too self-absorbed, or too disinterested. Too many of us have traded the love of one woman for life, and our awesome power to procreate, for the empty pleasures of a dissipative existence. Too many of us drink. Too many of us gamble. Too many of us are violent. Too many of us drive the mothers of our unborn children to the abortion clinics.

Studies show that Christians are often part of the problem. Our divorce rate is virtually the same as the general population. Our churches are filled with children whose fathers have little contact with them. Our churches are filled with leaders who aren't home enough to lead their own families. We are captivated by the allure of the golf course, the tennis court, the cable sports channel, the job. We're not all that different from the heathen when it comes to raising our children.

We should be different, and the difference should be obvious to everyone. Our Lord loved and nurtured children; we can do no less and still call ourselves His followers. It's past time we returned to the proper examples of biblical fatherhood and started acting like the Christians we profess to be. Our children deserve it. Our children's mothers deserve it.

Our Savior deserves it.

Sources: Encyclopaedia Britannica, World Book Encyclopedia, and The History Channel.

GUEST OPINION:



Take Sunday School home with you

By David Francis
Nashville

the take-home page on the refrigerator door or a bulletin board so it can be reviewed daily.

• **Know what your kids are learning.** Find out what curriculum materials are being used with your preschooler, elementary-age child, or student. Your Sunday School director, division director, or a staff member would be thrilled to know you're interested in what your kids are learning. They can guide you in how to keep up with what your child is and will be learning in Sunday School by providing a copy of the table of contents from a teacher's guide or a link to an online source for the information.

If your church uses LifeWay curriculum, you can sign up for a weekly e-mail preview of what your kids will be learning at Parent2Parent.ning.com.

• **Understand what your child should be learning.** How should your child be developing in terms of his/her grasp of basic biblical concepts? A helpful chart, called Biblical Levels of Learning, attempts to answer this question and can be found at LifeWay.com/LevelsofBiblicalLearning.

Although it is the foundational document for the creation of LifeWay curriculum for preschoolers and children, it is a "curriculum neutral" document that parents can use regardless of what Bible study materials their church uses. It identifies eight to 10 important biblical concepts and how each of those concepts should be understood as a child grows older.

• **Talk about how the adult lesson relates to kids.** Many of

the passages studied and discussed in an adult class are not age-appropriate for kids, but there is often a truth that can be shared within the family and almost always a truth that will make the learner a more Christlike parent!

In Life Truths, LifeWay's popular Bible study curriculum designed specifically for parents, there is a weekly Conversation Starters feature that gives suggestions for sharing an adult lesson truth with a preschooler, child, or teenager. If your class uses a different title or material from a different publisher, you can still devote a few minutes near the end of an adult group session to talk this over.

Sunday School is supplemental to what happens at home, not the other way around. Parents, not Sunday School teachers, have the primary responsibility for making disciples of their children. So take your household to Sunday School, but don't forget to take Sunday school home!

Francis is director of Sunday School at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville. His aperiodical commentary series appears courtesy of Baptist Press.

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

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June 27

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Thursday, October 17, 2010

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Clue: A = I

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Hebrews One : Ten

KEYS TO A LONG MARRIAGE

With Father's Day just around the corner, I thought I would take this opportunity to put a spotlight on marriage, and in this case, a long marriage. This summer I have been invited to participate in a renewal of vows and a celebration of the marriage of a precious couple who will be celebrating 70 years as husband and wife. I am honored, blessed, challenged, encouraged, and amazed to think about a marriage of 70 years. What are the keys to a long marriage?

The first key is that the husband and wife have to live a pretty good long time. Now for the two kids who will be celebrating this summer, they got an early start. He was 17 and she was 16. Not many people would recommend beginning a marriage at that age, but in this case, so far, it is holding together. Just think about 70 years with each other. That is 25,567 days. It is over 600,000 hours spent together. It is incredible! While the number one key is to live a long while, it has been my personal observation, although I am sure there are exceptions, for the most part it seems as though husbands and wives physically, emotionally, and spiritually have aided their companion to achieve a long life. They bolster one another in life's difficulties, and they share in life's celebrations.

The second key to a long marriage is love. It is love that brings you to a commitment that would make you desire to spend a lifetime with someone. However, love is not a commodity that is easy to maintain. Through the years, I have been asked and have joined in a discussion of whether there is such a thing as love at first sight. In my



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
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opinion, the answer is yes — absolutely! Love at first sight is the easiest part of love. It is when you see each other after five, twenty, or thirty years that love may become tested, strained, and wane. Oh, I know that it can become stronger, but it can also become weaker, tarnished by failures, dented by unfaithfulness, and ravaged by being ignored. On the other hand, love can grow, overcome, and learn of dimensions it knew nothing about. It can express itself in ways and at times when it is seen in its best light.

The third key to a long marriage is work. When we think about marriage in terms of love, we think about feeling good. It takes a while for us to get around to the reality that marriage is work. It can be hard work. In fact, I can almost guarantee you that at times it is going to be difficult work. When a young couple is preparing to get married, we do them an injustice, a disservice, when we do not prepare them for work. It is not easy for them to understand that marriage is work. They will have to give their best to making it work. If you explain that to them, usually they stare at you like you don't know what you're talking about and you're wasting their time. That may be, but it is still work!

A dear friend whose husband passed away said this to me in a later conversation. "If I had worked half as hard on my first marriage as I did this one, I would have never gotten divorced." She was not saying something bad about her second marriage so much as she was pointing out the reality that sometimes in youth we do not understand. Anybody can get married, but staying married is going to take work.

The fourth key to a long marriage is commitment. The traditional wedding vows incorporate a number of sobering commitments. They include everything from until death do us part to being there in sickness, in poverty, and bad days. It is a commitment that is made before God to another person and to yourself that you are going to stay with the stuff. Recently, a lady whose husband was a nationally-known preacher wrote a book. He had committed acts of unfaithfulness in homosexual relationships. She stayed in the marriage and the book she has written is entitled, *Why I Stayed*. There are a number of reasons that she stayed, but ultimately she had committed to herself, to her God, and to him that she

would stay. Commitment is an incredible thing and often it is treated so lightly that we feel we can enter into marriage and walk out whenever we please.

I can tell you this — you can live a long time, genuinely love a person, work as hard as you can on the marriage, and there will still be days that apart from your commitment you could walk away. That is to say, that virtually every husband or wife could be asked at some point related to some issue, "Why did you stay?" The only honest answer that could be given is that you made a commitment to stay.

There are not many 50-year marriages or 70-year marriages that got to that point without an enormous commitment. I can almost tell you that there are not many five-year marriages that get there without a sensible and honest commitment. Long marriages are a good thing. They bring stability to a family. They bring security and sensibility to children and grandchildren. They can bring enormous fulfillment and euphoric delight to the folks who do not just endure but invest in this God given relationship.

Happy Father's Day, and may God richly bless your marriage.

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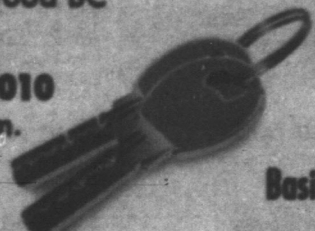
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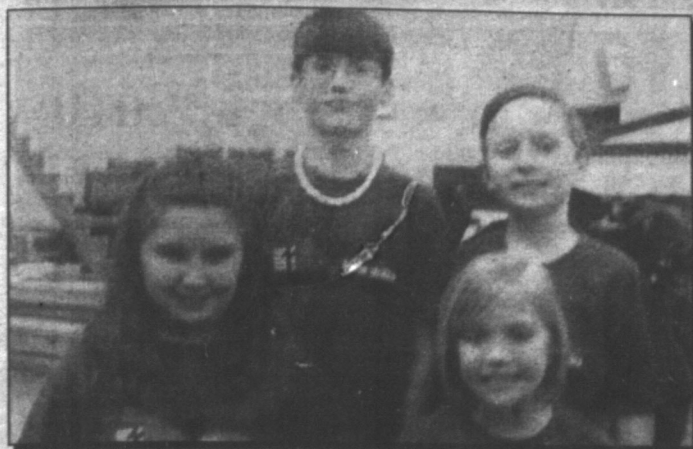


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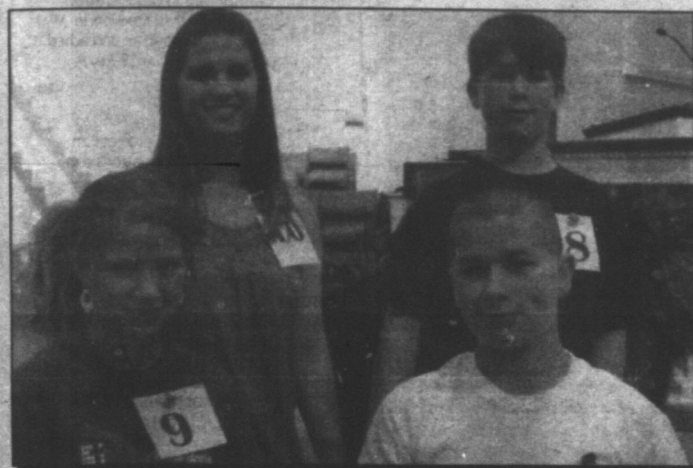
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1a. Mt. Zion Church, Columbus, children



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1. Mt. Zion Church, Columbus, recognizes its children's Bible drillers: first row, Mary Lauren Cook and Mackenzie Musselman; second row, Zachary Oswalt and Tyler Beard. The church also recognizes its youth drillers: first row, Bailey Beard and Hunter Austin; second row, Joanna King and Chase Austin.

2. Raymond Road Church, Metro Association, recognizes its children's Bible drillers: front, Brittney Beasley, Annemarie Russell, and Ansley Myers; back, Ashleigh Beasley, Abby Taggart, and leader Rene' Warren. The church also recognizes its youth drillers: leader Lisa Evans, Courtney Evans, Madison Kirk, Aaron Blakely, and leader Darryl Blakely.

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2a. Raymond Road Church, Metro Association



2b. Raymond Road Church, Metro Association

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



1. Mt. Zion Church, Eupora



1. Mt. Zion Church, Eupora, held VBS June 1-5. Shown are the participants.

2. Sandy Hook Church, Sandy Hook: June 21-25, 6-8:30 p.m.; for more information, call (601) 310-8264 or 601-736-0709.

3. New Home Church, Fulton: June 19, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

4. LeMoyne Blvd. Church, Biloxi: July 12-16, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

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Father's Day and Baptist Men's Ministry Emphasis

Pray for a team from **Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus**, as they travel to the Dominican Republic to take part in evangelism, VBS, and medical mission opportunities, June 20-27.

Pray for a team with members from **Alcorn Baptist Association** traveling to Romania to do evangelism and medical missions, July 1-12.

Pray for a team from **FBC, Tupelo**, traveling to Japan to work in partnership with an IMB missionary and evangelize among the Japanese, July 2-11.

Independence Day Citizenship and Liberty Emphasis (CAC)

Pray for a team from **Unity BC, Julia**, as they travel to Costa Rica to be a part of church planting work, July 6-13.

Pray for: (1) Kid's Camp (SS); (2) Student Week (SS); (3) GA Camp (WMU).

Pray for a team from **Cleary BC, Florence**, as they travel and do evangelistic work in the Dominican Republic, June 22-29.

Pray for: (1) Children's Mission Camp (MM); (2) GA and Acteens Camp (WMU); (3) LifeWay Worship Leadership (CM).

Praise God for 50 new believers this year on an island in Southeast Asia. This is more new believers than any other year during this same time period!

Pray for GA and Acteens Camp (WMU).

Pray for a team from **Brandon BC** as they travel to Romania to work in medical missions, evangelism, and VBS, July 8-12.

Pray as a team led by **FBC, Batesville**, travel to Costa Rica to work with a church there doing medical missions and VBS, June 23-29.

Pray for a team from **Calvary BC, Silver Creek**, working with a new church plant in Indiana doing surveying, VBS, and a block party, June 24-July 1.

Pray for a team from **FBC, Aberdeen**, leading a sports camp with Towers BC in Vancouver, July 3-10.

Pray for a team from **FBC, Purvis**, as they travel to Las Vegas to work with a church plant to do VBS, July 3-10.

Pray for Summer Missions Camp for Boys (MM).

Pray for a team from **Morrison Heights BC, Clinton**, as they travel to the Bahamas to do VBS and work projects, July 8-19.

Pray for a team from **DeSoto Hills BC, Southaven**, as they travel to Cicero, NY, for construction on a building for Lakeshore BC, June 26-July 3.

Pray for a team from **FBC, Florence**, as they travel to Thailand to lead an English camp and minister to university students, June 27-July 8.

Pray for a team of 40 people from all over the state led by **MBCB, Missions Mobilization Department**, as they travel to Thailand to provide child care for children during an annual meeting of workers who serve in that region of the world, July 4-15.

Pray for Baptist Building At Home Days.

Pray for a team from **FBC, Clinton**, traveling to Prague to work in evangelism, ESL, and a sports camp, July 8-17.

Pray for: (1) Kid's Camp (SS); (2) All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra Camp and Tour (CM).

Pray for a team from **Calvary BC, Macon**, traveling to Honduras to work with an orphanage and radio ministry, June 25-July 1.

Pray for Older Children's Bible Drill Camp (D&FM).

Pray for team from **North Winona BC** traveling to Bulgaria providing support for a missionary conference, July 2-10.

Pray for a team from **Glade BC, Laurel**, traveling to Kenya for evangelism and children's work, July 3-23.

Pray for the Church Music Leadership Conference (CM).

Pray for three missionaries who were asked to leave their country of service by officials. Pray that the work will go on and God will expand their influence as God may be using this to redirect them.

Pray for a team from **First BC, Clinton**, and they travel to Montana to work with New Hope BC to do evangelism in the area through door-to-door visits and VBS, June 18-25.

Pray as a team from **Dixie BC, Hattiesburg**, travels to Peru to work with a local pastor and church to do a wide variety of ministry, June 19-27.

Pray for Disaster Relief Training (MM).

Praise God for Heartland BC in South Glens Falls, NY. After a year of praying, God has brought a family with musicians to play the guitar and lead worship for the Sunday services.

Pray for a team from **Truitt Memorial BC, Pearl**, as they travel to East Asia to lead an English Camp, July 2-20.

Pray as a team from **Philadelphia BC, Etta**, travel to Toledo, Ohio to participate in community missions with Southside Life Station, July 4-10.

Pray for a team from **Cleary BC, Oxford**, as traveling to Rhode Island to do construction and work with children, July 5-15.

Please pray for a team from **Tri-County Baptist Association** traveling to SE Asia to work in evangelism among an unreached people group, June 29-July 9.

Pray for a team from **Conehatta BC** traveling to Nicaragua to do evangelism and work with a pastor's conference, July 1-10.

Pray for a team led by **Calvary Chapel BC, Charleston**, as they minister in Mexico.

Pray as a team from **Highland BC, Senatobia**, travels to Peru to be involved in evangelism, preaching, and Bible study, July 6-16.



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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

When External Threats Come

1 Samuel 7:2-17

By Tony Martin

We live in a threatening world, a world in which cherished ideals seem to be scorned, in which we deal with faceless enemies determined to see us dead, and when pressures seemingly beyond our control crowd around us.

This is certainly nothing new. In 1 Samuel 7:2-6, the Israelites have been victorious at Mizpah despite their initial fear. The Israelites were experiencing threats from the Philistines, but they chose to seek the Lord. As a result, they ultimately experienced victory. As Christians, we need to know how to respond to threats so we can experience victory ourselves.

After twenty years of sin and mediocrity, the Israelites began to seek God again. They had lapsed back into idolatry, and

Samuel knew that the nation could never succeed if the people didn't put God first and trust only in Him. Samuel specifically mentions the Baals and the Ashtoreths; Baal was the Canaanite storm God, and Ashtoreth was the goddess of fertility. But putting away the false gods was only the beginning, because the Israelites had to turn away from those gods and then return to the true God.

Part of this repentance included confession of sins. It wasn't enough just to destroy the idols—the people also had to corporately confess their sins. Verse 6 places sin right where it should be: "We have sinned against the Lord." This same verse notes that "they drew water and poured it out before the Lord." Perhaps this symbolized the pouring out



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of one's heart in repentance and humility (NIV Study Bible, p. 384). All sin ultimately is directed against God. God had a covenant promise with Israel that he would forgive their sins if their confession was sincere. For us today, it is never too late to return to the Lord.

The Philistines were sworn enemies of the Jews, and frequently we find the Israelites cowering in fear. Once God made His presence known, their courage was fortified.

Verse 7 sets the stage. The Israelites had no standing army, and no one ruler, so they felt helpless. Still, Samuel cried out to the Lord to grant victory. Samuel was a man of prayer. He sacrificed the evening burnt offering, and "the Lord thundered with loud thunder" (v. 10, NIV). It so panicked the Philistine warriors that they were routed and slaughtered.

A man or woman of prayer can be more powerful than an entire army. God's presence can give us confidence to face our fears and act obediently. That is not to say that our fears will always be eliminated totally, but we can still act in faith in obedience.

We need to open our eyes to how God works. He can and does intervene in the affairs of men—indeed, He intervenes in our own lives. When things seem stacked against us, God can work in amazing ways.

It is appropriate after such a victory to commemorate God's help. The setting up of stones, as seen in verse 12, had long been part of the Jewish culture. Here, Samuel took a stone and named it "Ebenezer," meaning "stone of help." This stone was a reminder to the Israelites that God had not only seen them safely thus far, but would continue to help them and keep His covenant.

God gives peace and stability after conflict. This was

probably the beginning of Samuel's public ministry to the whole of the people of Israel. In Samuel, the Israelites found one who would give unity and authority. They knew Samuel was God's appointed leader.

In your own life, can you think of any tangible reminders of how God has worked? God is always at work. Looking beyond your own personal story, can you think of any reminders of how God has worked in the life of your church? At some defining point in history, an individual or group had a vision for the church you are now a part of. God desires to continually work in you and your church, to bring you individually and corporately to a point of remembrance. This is not to be some hazy longing for "the good old days," but rather as a sense that God has been faithful, and will continually be faithful as long as we trust in Him.

Martin is the Associate Editor of *The Baptist Record*.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Four Reasons to Practice Christian Morality

1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20

By Laura Leathers

Imagine having a jury composed of one thousand to six thousand individuals. How would that many people ever come to an agreement? Welcome to the judicial system of Athens—where every man became a lawyer! History reveals the judicial system in Corinth would have been very similar. Initially a dispute was first settled by a private arbitrator. If not settled, the case made its way to a court known as "The Jury." If the case was still not resolved, more people were added to the jury pool. The Greeks love for law was brought into the church. Paul was shocked! His Jewish background and history reveals disputes were handled on a one on one basis or in the synagogue. The Corinthian Christians were to follow this

example by keeping their disputes within the church. Sadly, they missed the greatest principle: to sue was to fall far below God's moral standard of behavior. Here in the sixth chapter of Corinthians we find the best guideline for Christians to use regarding litigations and court situations.

To Help Your Church

—1 Cor. 6:1-6

Paul's admonishment to the Corinthians, they who are righteous (in Christ), were not to take their disputes to the unrighteous (non-Christians). Their disputes stemmed from motives which were impure—worldliness. Paul's warning, "It is a sin for a Christian to sue another Christian." When Christians take their disputes to the 'pagan courts' they are making the statement to the world that the courts can



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accomplish something the church cannot. It is placing man's law over God's law. "The most legally untrained believers who know the Word of God and are obedient to the Spirit, are far more competent to settle disagreements between believers than the most experienced unbeliever, void of God's truth and Spirit" (MacArthur Study Bible). Paul writes to sue a fellow believer was 'a sinful shame' (vs. 5) and the results are moral defeat and spiritual loss. The church, when biblically pursuing God's answers to disputes, brings glory and honor to Him. It is His wisdom, Truth, and Spirit which imparts the ability to settle matters.

To Exhibit Your Salvation

—1 Cor. 6:7-9A, 11

"Long ago Plato had laid it down that the good man will always choose to suffer wrong rather than to do wrong. If the Christian has even the remotest tinge of the love of Christ within his heart, he will rather suf-

fer insult and loss and injury than try to inflict them on someone else—still more so, if that person is a brother. To take vengeance is always an unchristian thing. A Christian does not order his dealings with others by the desire for recompense and the principles of crude justice. He orders them by the spirit of love; and the spirit of love will insist that he live at peace with his brother, and will forbid him to demand himself by going to law" (William Barclay). One of the characteristics of genuine salvation is a selfless love (1 John 2:9ff; 3:14; 4:7ff).

To Maintain Your Godliness

—1 Cor. 6:13b-17

When a person places their faith and trust in Christ they become a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). A transformed life! The city of Corinth was synonymous with sex and the Corinthians brought their former life into the church, another carry over. Paul writes that sexual sin harms, it controls (vs. 12), and it perverts the body (vs. 13). Your body is for the Lord (vs. 13), it is one with Christ (15-18), and it is the tem-

ple of the Holy Spirit (vs. 19).

Godliness is "a right attitude towards God and right conduct toward Him." We are one in Christ! Therefore, He is the source for a believer to live reverently and obediently.

To Safeguard Your Well-being

—1 Cor. 6:18-20

Christ died for the whole man—body and soul. "The sin of a sexual intimacy with somebody else is the deepest uniting of two persons therefore it has the unique kind of sin that destroys a man at the very root of his being. It is far more destructive than alcohol, drugs, or crime. It is the deepest penetrating sin that a man can commit because it unites him to another person in the vileness of that sin" (John MacArthur).

First Peter 1:18-19, "... you are redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ... Your body is sacred and not your own—therefore glorify God in your body.

There is but one Judge and Jury!

Leathers is a member of First Church, Durant.

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1. Grace United Church, Decatur

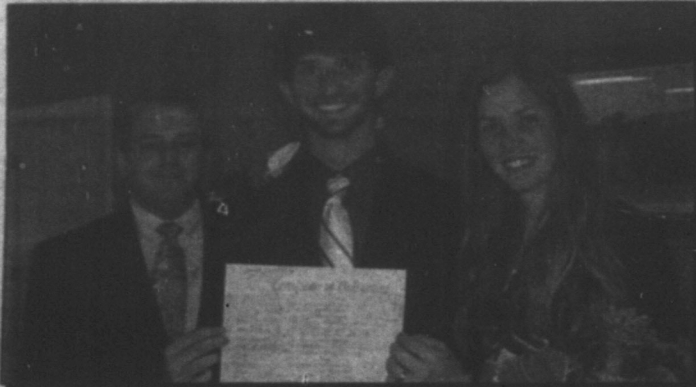
1. Eleven members of Grace United Church, Decatur, participated in a mission trip to Huntersville, W. Va., where they visited a male prison and a federal prison for women. They did devotionals and witnessed to the prisoners. Shown, back row, are Keli Dailey, Daniel McNeil, Mark McDonald, Dick Holifield, Mike McNeil, Judy Henley, M.L. Henley, Jeanette Thorne, and Cheryl McElhenney; front row, Sarah Addy and Staci McNeil.



3. First Church, Tupelo

3. First Church, Tupelo, licensed Daniel Hicks (center) to the gospel ministry May. 18. He is shown with pastor Chad Grayson (far left), his parents Rickey and Julie Hicks (rear), and his

sisters Emily, Rachael, and Megan. Hicks will be enrolling in Southwestern Seminary in August. He has been the interim director of student ministries at the church for the last year.



2. Bethel Church, Lawrence Association

2. Bethel Church, Lawrence Association, ordained Zach Kilpatrick to the gospel ministry and called him as youth minister. Shown are pastor Michael Smith, Kilpatrick, and Amanda Kilpatrick.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Students interested in Mississippi College's new physician assistant program are invited to an open house July 8. Physician assistant faculty will attend the session on the Clinton campus to inform prospective candidates about the master's program and its admission requirements. The 90-minute event begins at 2 p.m. in Anderson Hall in the B.C. Rogers Student Center. MC's program is the first and

only one in the state. Physician assistants are health professionals who practice medicine as members of a team with their supervising physicians. For more information, contact Karen Verrell at verrell@mc.edu.

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5. Fellowship Church, Ellisville

1. Lakeshore Church, Jackson, is hosting a biker Sunday service July 4, 10:30 a.m. Lewis "Deacon" Lafferty, speaker; blessing of the bikes, hamburgers, and hot dogs after the service.

2. Shiloh Church, Big Creek, is hosting an outdoor youth rally June 19, 6 p.m., featuring the Blakewalkerband and speaker Dale Brechin. A love offering will be received.

3. Raymond Road Church, Jackson, is hosting a family cookout and concert with Spoken 4 Quartet June 19. Supper, 5 p.m.; concert, 6:30 p.m.; tickets, \$10 each. Advance reservations include supper; for concert only, tickets are still \$10. For information/reservations, call (601) 372-6154 or (417) 231-5795.

4. Cedar View Church, Olive Branch, is hosting a community singing June 19 with The Reeves Family, 6 p.m.; dinner, 5 p.m.

5. Members of Fellowship Church, Ellisville, met on Memorial Day to place American flags on veteran's graves.

6. Calvary Church, Columbia, recognizes its high school graduates. Shown are Druscilla Stogner, Brett Moak, Nathan McKenzie, and Samantha Bounds.

7. Cascilla Church, Cascilla, recognized its graduates from kindergarten through college. Each graduate was given a new Bible. Shown are Brady Wolfe, Samantha Young, Makayla Rikard, Candace Karow, and pastor Robby Rikard.

8. Slayden Church, Slayden, presented Zack Ross Memorial Scholarships to Kristen Mynatt, Mitch Anthony, and Justin Hunsucker. Each student received a \$1000 scholarship.

9. Branch Church, Morton, honored pastor Timothy Phillipson on his graduation from Mississippi College. He received his bachelor of arts in Christian studies with minor in sociology. Shown are Phillipson and Farrell Madison.

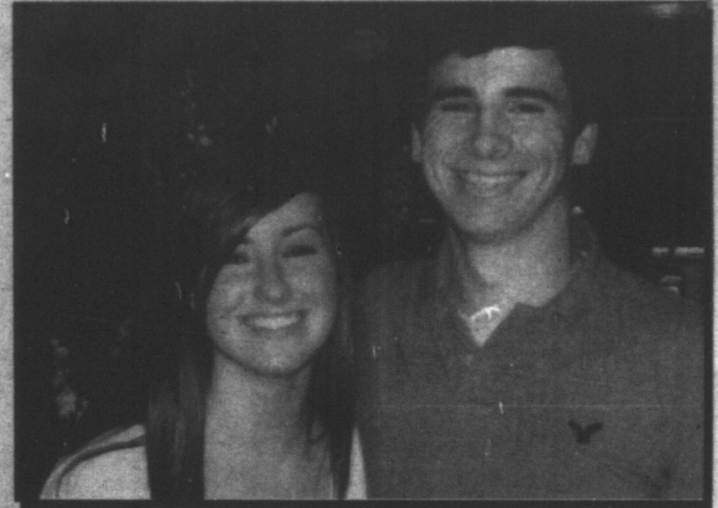
10. Hardy Church, Grenada County, honored its high school graduates, Karly R. Jones and Randy Smart, with a special Bible chosen specifically for each one.

11. Grandview Church, Pearl, bought items for the Haiti mission project. Shown are members Mathan Smith, Chase Smith, Cody Carr, Cecil Weems, and Tony Carr.

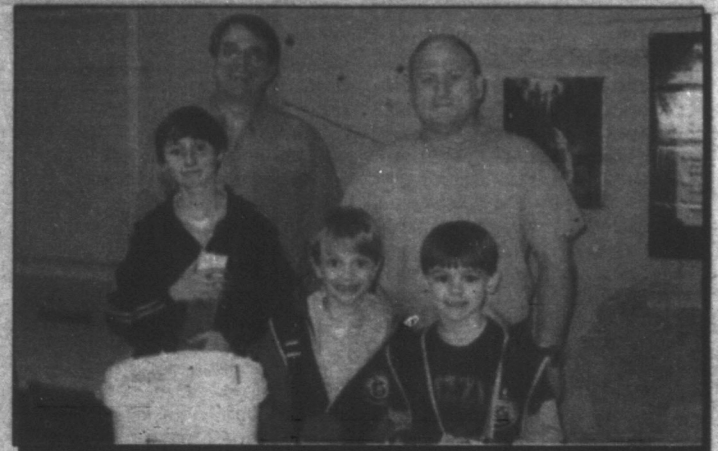
12. Riverport Church, Greenville, held a recognition service for their Mission Friends, R.A.'s, G.A.'s, and Acteens. Shown are the children recognized.



9. Phillipson and Madison



10. Jones and Smart



11. Grandview Church, Pearl



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